[Translation]

Proposal to set up an Aluminium Factory

4579. SHRI RAMDEW RAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mines have been given on lease to the Birla Industrial House in Palamu, Pandava, Renukot, Gumla and Chhipadoha (U.P.);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred annually by the State Government and the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether an Aluminium factory of Birla group is functioning in Renukot, U.P. with the raw materials from Chandara mines;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for setting up of an Aluminium Factory in Chandara with the assistance of State and the Union Governments; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Redressal of Farmers woes

4580. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a farmers rally was organised on October 2, 1991 at the Boat Club lawn in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the main demands voiced at the rally; and

(c) the steps since taken by the Government to redress the farmers woes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands voiced at the Rally have got been communicated by the organisers.

(c) Question does not arise.

Safequarding Godavari Delta

4581. SHRI G.M.C BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several acres of cultivated lands of Godavari delta are submerged every year resulting in heavy losses to the farmers;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect these lands,

(c) whether the Government propose to launch new schemes in Southern State to improve the production of rice and coconut; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The delta areas of the Godavari and the Krishna rivers are flood prone. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have taken up flood management works and constructed 552 Km. of embankments, improved 12814 Km. drainage channels, protected 40 towns and have raised 21 villages These steps have benefitted an area of 10 09 lakh hectares upto March, 1990 out